Setting up of a Research and Development Centre in A.P. for Research Activities on MICA

*50. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a research and development centre in Andhra Pradesh for carrying out research activities on MICA;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in the Foodgrains Storage Capacity

*51. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to increase the storage capacity for foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to build some more godowns in the rural areas; and

(d) if so, the steps taken therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The storage capacity available for foodgrains with the Food Corporation of India, Central Warehousing Corporation, State Governments and their agencies is at present adequate to meet the requirement of the buffer/operation stocks level. A capacity of 3.46 lakh tonnes is, however, at present under construction by the Food Corporation of India to take care of the regional imbalance and to provide adequate capacity in remote and inaccessible areas.

(c) and (d) The storage capacity at taluka/block/village level is provided by cooperatives. The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Rural Development is implementing a scheme of providing financial assistance for construction of rural godowns at block/village level through State Government agencies. National Cooperative Development Corporation also provides assistance for construction of godowns in cooperative sector.

Indira Gandhi Awas Yojana in Orissa

*52. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Orissa for implementation of Housing Programme under the Indira Gandhi Awas Yojana during the last three years;

(b) the areas identified by Government to implement the programme for the backward and bonded labour in the State;

(c) to what extent the programme has become successful in the State; and

(d) whether any review has been conducted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) to (d) During the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88, a total of Rs. 1544 lakhs (in cash) was allocated to the Government of Orissa under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY).

From the resources given to the State in the period 1985—88, a little over 18,000 houses are expected to be built. The State has completed the construction of 11,576 houses till March, 1988. The State has been asked to complete the construction of the balance of the houses by the